

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, please amend the Title as follows:

--- Tamper evident tube closure with twist-away ~~centring~~ centering ---

On Page 1, line 3, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

--- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Patent Application Serial No. PCT/IB2002/004772 filed November 13, 2003. The entire disclosure of the foregoing application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. ---

On Page 1, lines 6-7, please amend the paragraph as follows:

-- The invention relates to a closure ~~according to the preamble of the independent claim.~~ --

On Page 1, lines 33-36 please amend the paragraph as follows:

-- This problem is solved ~~by independent claim 1~~ by providing a ~~centring~~ centering aid, which ~~centres~~ centers the cap, while it is moved toward and onto the spout for removing the twist away element. --

Beginning at Page 3, line 22 through Page 5, line 13 please amend the paragraph as follows:

-- For opening the container 1 firstly the cap 2 is twisted off Fig. 2 shows a sectional view of the same container 1 as Fig. 1, but after removal of the cap 2. The cap 2 is designed, such that it can be used as a tool for twisting away the twist away element 3, in particular along a predetermined breaking line 4. For this the cap 2 comprises a socket 5, which designed to fit on the twist away element 3. Socket 5 is arranged such, that its symmetry axis coincides with the symmetry axis of the cap 2. The socket 5 is preferably slightly larger than the twist away element 3, such that it can be pushed on it or mated with it without exerting much force. The inner surface of the socket 5 substantially completely matches the outer surface of the twist away element 3, such that a form lock of socket and element with a good transmission of torque is possible. Alternatively only parts, certain lines or points of the surfaces may match, as long as the cap 2 can be used as a torque tool, i.e. as a wrench or socket, for twisting away the twist away element 3. The twist away element 3 is substantially a pin with a star-shaped cross-section and with an eight-fold symmetry. This multi-fold symmetry has the advantage, that the socket 5 will substantially fit onto the twist away element 3 without being rotationally aligned and without twisting the twist away element 3 before the socket 5 is mated completely with the twist away element 3. Alternatively it can also be designed with a two, three, four, five or seven-fold symmetry. Preferably the distal, i.e. outer, diameter of the twist away element is slightly smaller than the diameter next to its base at the predetermined breaking line 4, in order to make the process of mating it with the socket 5 easier. The twist away element 3 can also be designed shorter or even flat, i.e. that it has the form of a flat star. The cap 2 has a circular recess 14, which allows to save material and manufacturing cost and at the same time providing the cap 2 with

a large outer diameter, wherein a larger outer diameter has the advantage of making the handling of the cap 2 easier. The recess is open towards the side of the socket 5 of the cap 2. For twisting off the twist away element 3 the cap 3 it is inverted, i.e. rotated by 180° around an axis perpendicular to the its axis, and pushed onto the spout 10. When the cap 3 is moved toward the spout 10 the cap 3 is ~~centred~~ centered by a ~~centring~~ centering aid 6, 7. The ~~centring~~ centering aid comprises a substantially conical guiding surface 6 on the spout 10 and a substantially conical guiding surface 7 inside the cap 2. Alternatively these guiding surfaces 6, 7 can also have a substantially spherical shape. The guiding surfaces 6, 7 extend the range of an eccentricity tolerance in the process of moving the cap 2 onto the spout 10, i.e. the axis of the cap 3 and the axis of spout 10 may, in the range of the elements to be mated, be initially up to several millimetres apart but the socket 5 and the twist away element 3 will still align while the cap 2 is pushed towards and onto the spout 10. This has the advantage that removing the safety seal when opening the container 1 for the first time does not require good cognitive or motoric skills. The first guiding surface 6 is formed on the outer surface of the spout 10 between a rim 12 at the distal end of the spout 10 and the thread 8 of the spout 10. The second guiding surface 7 is formed on an inner surface of the cap 2, substantially beginning at the distal end of the cap 2 running inward, such that the wrench or socket 5 is an inward continuation of said second guiding surface 7. --